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Wing training timeline

As of Wednesday		
Pilot Instructor Training		
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall
99th FTS	5.0	3.0
558th FTS	-11.2	-3.3
559th FTS	-9.5	0.8
560th FTS	1.0	-1.9

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.

Navigator, EWO training			
562nd FTS		563rd FTS	
Air Force	204	Undergraduate	39
Navy	74	International	13
International	1	TS SCI EW	0
		Fundamentals	0

Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

Wing Sortie Scoreboard			
Aircraft Required Flown Annual			
T-1A	1,062	1,079	4,200
T-6A	2,626	2,718	9,488
T-37B	2,443	2,527	8,641
T-38A	2,456	2,656	8,640
T-43A	331	354	1,158

Numbers reflect the required and flown missions as of Wednesday, and the required missions for fiscal 03

Weekend weather

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Today		48	24
Saturday		53	42
Sunday		62	46

AETC commander visits wing

By Tech. Sgt. Angelique Battle
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The commander of Air Education and Training Command didn't have far to travel when he visited the 12th Flying Training Wing here Thursday.

Gen. Don Cook took all of about two minutes to go from AETC headquarters on the south end of Main Circle to the Taj Mahal, headquarters for the wing, on the north end of the circle.

Though the trip was short, it was significant, as it marked the AETC commander's first "official" visit to Randolph's host wing, although the general has visited many of the wing's units, especially the flying squadrons, over the past year.

For the members of the wing, the daylong tour of facilities was designed to give the general a better understanding of the overall wing and its mission.

For General Cook, the visit provided him the opportunity to discuss Air and Space Expeditionary Force readiness.

"It is important that everyone carries their AEF card to recognize when they are vulnerable for deployment," said the general at a briefing with the operations group in the base theater. "The training period is also specified so the member is fully trained when the deployment tasking arrives."

The general also emphasized that current operations may cause people to be extended for more than just a 90-day rotation, especially in critically short career fields.

General Cook explained how AETC training contributes to the readiness of the Air Force.

"If we don't get it right, the rest of the Air Force suffers," he said. "Therefore, the Air Force depends on us to keep the standards high."

During the general's visit, wing representatives briefed him on various programs in the operations, support, logistics and medical groups.

At the operations group, the general received a mission briefing and toured the



(Above) Gen. Don Cook, Air Education and Training Command commander, is greeted by an Airman Leadership School student during his visit Thursday. (Left) Tech. Sgt. Allen Selfe, Mobility Flight NCO in charge, explains different aspects of the chemical warfare ensemble. (Photos by Joel Martinez)



T-38 simulator facilities.

Some of the stops in the support group included the Airman Leadership School, a Wherry housing unit and security forces.

At the logistics group, General Cook observed aircraft maintenance, trainer development, transportation and mobility

center operations.

During the medical group visit, the general was briefed on the Tobacco Cessation Class and the Cycle Ergometry testing facility at the Health and Wellness Center.

General Cook had lunch with junior enlisted members at the Airman's Dining Facility.

"The men and women of the wing work hard to ensure Team Randolph

is trained and equipped to support future air expeditionary force requirements," said General Cook. "They do that while maintaining a high daily operations tempo training aviators for the DOD and supporting major tenant organizations here — great work."

New core competencies announced

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force's senior leaders debuted the service's new approach to describing its core competencies this week.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper made this announcement in two separate messages to all airmen. Secretary Roche released his first "The Secretary's Vector" Jan. 14, while General Jumper's latest "Chief's Sight Picture" was published Jan. 15.

The competencies are developing airmen, technology-to-warfighting and integrating operations.

According to Secretary Roche, these three elements are

fundamental to how the Air Force views itself, how it is viewed by leaders and colleagues, and how the service develops its capabilities for joint warfighting.

"These unique institutional qualities set the Air Force apart from the other services and every other military force in the world," Secretary Roche said in The Secretary's Vector. "By identifying and keeping these competencies foremost in our vision, we can more effectively advance these unique capabilities, as well as the ultimate effects we provide to the nation."

These core competencies are not new, Jumper said in the Chief's Sight Picture.

"Rather, they are the unique institutional qualities inherent in everything we've done and con-

tinue to do," he said.

Core competencies form the foundation upon which the Air Force organizes, trains and equips, and form the cornerstones of the service's strength as a military service, Secretary Roche said.

Previously, the service had distilled its areas of expertise into the following six distinct capabilities and labeled them core competencies: air and space superiority, global attack, rapid global mobility, precision engagement, information superiority and agile combat support.

According to the secretary and chief of staff, the Air Force's very nature of developing and delivering air and space power are at the root of the need to recognize these core competencies.

"Our systems may change, our

threats may vary, our tactics may evolve and our people may come and go, but these three core competencies remain the constants that define our Air Force and enable us to fight and win America's wars," General Jumper said.

Of the three air and space core competencies, the secretary and chief of staff said developing airmen is the heart of combat capability.

"The ultimate source of combat capability resides in the men and women of the Air Force," Roche said.

"The values of strategy, technology and organization are diminished without professional airmen to leverage their attributes," he said.

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Stewardship

Our responsibility to America, ourselves

By Col. Mark Graper
12th Flying Training Wing commander

(Editor's note: The Jan. 10 commentary presented an overview of the 2003 wing themes of Readiness, Stewardship and Transformation. Today's article expands on the Stewardship theme; an article on Transformation will appear in the Jan. 31 issue.)

While readiness is foundational to our success as members of America's military, stewardship is our paramount responsibility to our service and nation.

Of our three wing themes for 2003, stewardship is perhaps the most difficult concept to communicate. The dictionary defines stewardship as the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care. Synonyms for "steward" include guardian, caretaker, trustee and keeper.

With these thoughts in mind, what is our stewardship role as members of the 12th Flying Training Wing and Team Randolph? What "things" have been entrusted to our care?

Good stewards of taxpayer resources

Our aircraft, fuel, unit buildings, computers, vehicles, base houses and thousands of other assets are provided to us through taxpayer dollars. We do not own those resources, but America counts on us to use them wisely and carefully, and maintain them so that we maximize mission accomplishment with every dollar - ultimately so that we can provide for America's defense. Each of us, from aircrew members to information managers to maintainers, is responsible for being custodians of the resources we use. We should spend government money as if it was our own, because it is: we are all taxpayers, too!

Good stewards of our historic infrastructure



Col. Mark Graper

The National Park Service designated Randolph a National Historic Landmark in 2001 - quite an honor, appropriately recognizing our history as the West Point of the Air and Showplace of the Air Force.

The NHL designation also reminds us of our incredible responsibility to preserve the appearance and functionality of our buildings and grounds. Many of our buildings are more than 70 years old. Their age requires special attention on our part to maintain high quality living and working conditions.

While our civil engineers work long-term maintenance and improvement projects, we also need your help - I encourage you to use the resources they have available through dormitory managers, building managers and the self-help center to keep your living and work areas clean. Well-kept common areas, uncluttered work areas and neat and orderly residences contribute to our mission to provide a first-class and safe living and work environment. Please help us maintain the extraordinary beauty of the Showplace of the Air Force.

Good stewards of our history

Our Air Force is the greatest air and space force in the world - we claim that title thanks to the service and sacrifice of the thousands of men and women who served before us.

Military aviation pioneers here at Randolph paved the way for us to train the world's greatest aviators. We now continue this heritage with the phenomenal support provided by our civilians and airmen who make the flying mission happen safely every day. We have a responsibility to be good stewards of our heritage and to build on our predecessors' legacy. As trainers of naval flight officers, navigators and electronic warfare officers for both the Navy and the Air Force, and instructor pilots for AETC, we are stewards of the next generation of airpower for America.

Two of Team Randolph's units bear a special historical stewardship responsibility. The 99th FTS traces its roots to the famed Tuskegee Airmen, Americans who overcame incredible obstacles to serve with distinction in World War II. The men and women of the 560th are the keepers of the Freedom Flight tradition—30 years of providing ceremonial final flights to former POWs from the Vietnam War. Both squadrons do excellent work honoring their unique heritage.

Good stewards of profession of arms

America's military is successful because of the established institutional standards unique to the armed forces.

From our rank structure to customs and courtesies and time-honored traditions, our all-volunteer military depends on its members maintaining the highest standards of professionalism. Just as our predecessors enabled us to be the greatest air and space force in the world, they also established an unprecedented system of respect and order that allows us to accomplish our missions with honor in war and peace.

Stewardship of our profession helps

define the way we do things as military people and sets us apart from the civilian world in many respects. Use of the chain of command, pride in dress and appearance, upright personal conduct on and off-duty — these are but a few aspects of military professionalism of which we're called to be stewards.

We need to remember, also, that as members of the profession of arms charged with defending the Constitution of the United States, our ultimate responsibility is to lay down our lives for America, if required.

Good stewards of our people

People are our most important resource, without which our aircraft, technology and other resources are useless.

Speaking about our institutional core competencies of developing airmen, technology-to-warfighting and integrating operations, the Honorable James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force, said, "The ultimate source of combat capability resides in the men and women of the Air Force. The values of strategy, technology and organization are diminished without professional airmen to leverage their attributes."

We have a responsibility to take care of each other — from physical, spiritual and emotional health to quality of life. Leaders, especially, bear a stewardship responsibility for the readiness and welfare of their subordinates and their families. We'll expand on this aspect of stewardship in future Wingspread articles.

So, what is stewardship? It reflects our obligation to protect and properly use the resources entrusted us by the American people and to safeguard the heritage of those who served before us. From people to equipment to facilities, our responsibility is clear and our armed forces' future depends on it.


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Today

Senior Master Sgt. Teddy Woodland, *Air Education and Training Command*

Lt. Col. William Livingston, *Air Education and Training Command*

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Top 10 reasons to buckle up

- 10 - My car doesn't have an ejectable canopy.

9 - Lying in a hospital for months is not my idea of a vacation.

8 - Steering wheels don't make good pillows.

7 - I never aspired to be a hood ornament.

6 - A wheelchair is not my idea of a hot set of wheels.

5 - I always wanted to fly, but not into a tree.

4 - Tombstones are not the best way to get the last word.
- 3 - I always hated statistics. The last thing I'd want is to be one.

2 - I faint at the sight of blood, especially my own.

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Civilian personnel actions for strategic sourcing

By **Bill Larson**
Civilian Personnel Flight chief

The Randolph civilian personnel flight and the Air Force Personnel Center civilian personnel operations directorate will support strategic sourcing in the 12th Flying Training Wing throughout 2003. All new and restructured civilian positions will be written as core personnel documents and classified by CPF staff. These job descriptions will be included in the proposed reengineering changes submitted for approval by wing and Headquarters Air Education Training Command leadership in “management decision packages.” All of the proposals will be complete by March 31.

Some existing civilian positions will be identified as surplus due to work center consolidations and reductions in supervisory levels and overhead positions. The CPF will closely track occupied surplus positions, preparing requests for Voluntary Separation Incentive Payments and Voluntary Early Retirement Authority. Selective use of VSIP buyouts in the spring and summer will reduce the chances of involuntary separations by reduction in force at the end of fiscal 2003. Surplus employees and employees sharing the same title, series and grade as an occupied surplus position will be surveyed for buyout interest in April.

Following VSIP and VERA approvals, firm buyout offers will be made and employees will be asked to commit to voluntary separations in May. These resignations and retirements will be effective from July to September. At the same time, 100 or so new jobs will be available, most now performed by active duty military personnel. For any new jobs that might be hard to fill, early advertisement will be used. The goal is to find well-qualified, locally available candidates for most new positions. All applications will be made using AFPC’s processes. AFPC will provide candidate lists to the wing in time for making selections in the summer and hiring in September and

October. All new jobs are scheduled to filled by December. While working buyouts and new hiring, a RIF may have to be implemented. If the buyouts work as intended, the RIF is projected to be small. Most adverse actions will be changes to lower grades with full save pay entitlements. A very few RIF separations may still occur, however. Civilian personnel in the wing and AFPC will assist employees affected by a RIF, to include registration in the DOD Priority Placement Program. For more information, go to the Strategic Sourcing Web site at <https://www.randolph.af.mil/12ftw/wing/s> so, or call the SSO hotline at 652-3203.

New description of core competencies unveiled by leaders this week

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Technology-to-warfighting involves the tools of combat capability. “We combine the tremendous technological advancements of stealth, global communications connectivity, global positioning, and more, to put cursors on targets and steel on the enemy,” General Jumper said. “It is our unique ability to apply various technologies in unison so effectively that allows us to translate our air and space power vision into decisive operational capability.” They believe integrating operations means maximizing combat capabilities. “Innovative operational concepts and the efficient integration of all military systems — air, land,

maritime, space and information — ensures maximum flexibility in the delivery of desired effects across the spectrum of conflict,” Secretary Roche said. According to General Jumper, victory in the 21st century belongs to those who can most quickly collect intelligence, communicate information and bring capabilities to bear against targets around the globe. “This is precisely what our Joint and Combined Air Operations Centers achieve,” the general said. “The result, integrated operations, is our unique ability to bring effects on the enemy at times and places of our choosing.” By continually striving toward the air and space core competencies, they said, the Air Force will realize the

potential of its capabilities. “We can achieve success in these six distinctive capabilities only if we’re first successful in our three (air and space) core competencies,” General Jumper said. “Only then do we bring the decisive effects of air and space power into joint warfighting.” “Collectively, the air and space core competencies reflect the visions of the founders of airpower .and serve to realize the potential of air and space forces,” Secretary Roche said. “Our continued focus on and nurturing of these core competencies will enable us to remain the world’s greatest air and space force,” he said.

Contracting officer receives Bronze Star

By Master Sgt. Michael Briggs
Air Education and Training Command
Public Affairs

A contracting officer assigned to the Air Education and Training Command Directorate of Logistics here received the Bronze Star Dec. 20 for duty he performed in Southwest Asia.

Lt. Col. John McLaurin was nominated for the award by Gen. Hal Hornburg, commander of Air Combat Command, for his tour of duty as commander of the 363rd Expeditionary Contraction Squadron at Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, from June 2001 to June 2002.

Brig. Gen. David Stringer, AETC director of logistics, presented the award.

In the year he was deployed, Colonel McLaurin led Air Combat Command's most productive contracting squadron, quadrupling the command's average dollars spent per contracting officer, according to the Bronze Star citation. He orchestrated \$54 million in contracted operations in direct support of Operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom.

Colonel McLaurin was also instrumental



Brig. Gen. David Stringer (left) presents the Bronze Star citation Dec. 20 to Lt. Col. John McLaurin in the Directorate of Logistics at Air Education and Training Command. (Photo by Master Sgt. Michael Briggs)

in the relocation of Joint Task Force Southwest Asia from Eskan Village to Prince Sultan Air Base, the citation continued.

"In addition, he was the mastermind behind the highly successful contracted movement of over 13 thousand tons of

offensive munitions relocated as part of Operations Caravan, Turbo Cads '02, and Scatter," General Hornburg wrote in the citation.

The Bronze Star ranks in precedence between the Purple Heart and Airman's Medal. As such, the presentation of the medal is a relatively rare occurrence.

"There's nothing more satisfying than serving your country in combat when your country really needs you," General Stringer said at the presentation ceremony. "It answers the most important question about your military career: Can you cut it when your country needs you? I'm privileged to be able to present the award to John today, because this award certifies for all to see that he did indeed 'cut it' when called to do so."

The lieutenant colonel credited the people in his unit for making the award possible.

"Most of you who are or have been in positions of leadership know that you're not actually conducting the operations yourself," he said after receiving the Bronze Star. "My role has always been to try and remove obstacles and keep a light shining on the path."

Program keeps pilots awake, alert

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Fatigue kills.

In the high-speed, high-stress environment of the combat aviator, it is a fact of life, and Air Force officials are doing what they can to ensure aircrew members are armed with the ability to fight an internal enemy that is potentially as deadly as a surface-to-air missile.

Those officials added that people who have been awake for 24-continuous hours react equivalent to someone with a blood alcohol content of .10, which is considered legally intoxicated in most states. A person who has been awake for 18-continuous hours has the equivalent BAC of .05.

That potential loss of motor skills is what prompted the Air Force to develop the fatigue-management program for aircrews who are tasked with extremely long missions.

According to Col. Tom Hyde, chief of "Checkmate," the Air

Force chief of staff's directorate for air and space strategy development, the fatigue-management program is the pilot's set of tools to remain awake and alert during extremely long flights.

"The tools we have available are diet, exercise, sleep cycles and a medication program," Colonel Hyde said. "When you (use) all four in combination, it ends up being a reasonable and prudent approach in order to combat fatigue."

When a person is physically fit, Hyde said, the body is better able to handle stresses, including an interrupted sleep cycle, deployment and family separation.

Although most elements of the fatigue-management program are preflight, Colonel Hyde said there are some things crewmembers can do to stay alert even while strapped into their ejection seats. Those fatigue-fighting techniques include stretches, g-suit and oxygen system adjustments, and snacking.

The fatigue-management tool of last resort is a doctor-pre-

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Col. Tom Hyde
Air Force chief of staff's directorate for air and space strategy development

scribed stimulant.

Only fighter and bomber crewmembers are authorized stimulants, Colonel Hyde said, because commanders have the option to augment tanker and airlift aircraft with additional pilots.

The "go pill," as it is commonly called, is a 5- or 10-milligram dose of Dexedrine. Dexedrine is the same medication routinely prescribed to treat attention deficit disorder. At the prescribed dosage, the stimulating effect of Dexedrine wears off after about four hours.

"The dosage is not too strong," Colonel Hyde said. "It's just designed to take the edge off."

Before pilots are authorized to

fly after taking a "go pill," they must complete a prescribed testing protocol to determine how the medication will affect each pilot's body. The details are recorded in the pilot's medical records.

Before lengthy missions, and after consulting with their commanders and flight surgeons, pilots decide whether or not they want to take the pills with them on the mission. Then, it is up to the individual pilot as to whether or not to take the pill, Colonel Hyde said.

"When you walk out the door to fly (an) extended mission, do you have to take it with you? No," he said. "Is it advisable? Sure, but it's

up to you whether or not to use it.

"It's (prescribed) under a doctor's care and with commander involvement," he said. "It's done with the full consent of the individual taking it."

Aircraft on bombing runs can approach a target at about 1,000 feet per second, Colonel Hyde said. In air-to-air engagements, aircraft can close in on each other at up to double that speed.

"When you get an idea of how fast things are moving through space, there is a lot that can happen as a result of a one- or two-second delay in making a decision," he said.

As a former squadron and group commander who has more than 3,300 flying hours, Hyde knows firsthand how fatigue can affect a pilot at those speeds.

"If you look at those instances where, after the fact, I said 'What was I thinking?' about 80 percent of the time it could be tied back to fatigue," he said.

"Fatigue's a killer out there," he said.



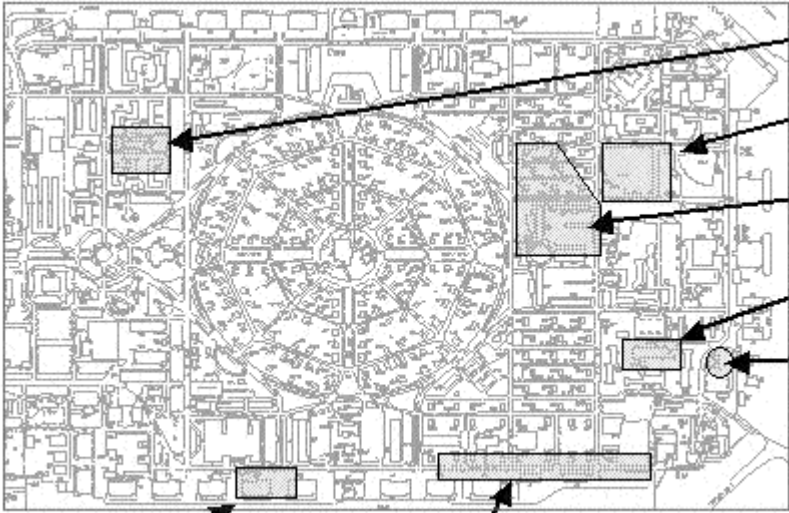
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CONSTRUCTION CORNER



TLF parking lot repaving completed Jan. 15.

Grater Field lighting project to upgrade lighting to high school and semi-pro standards - estimated completion date: Feb. 1.

Street light replacement to upgrade lighting and improve security and safety - estimated completion date: Feb. 28.

Dining facility kitchen air conditioning project - facility operations should be uninterrupted through estimated completion date of June 30.

South water tower repainting project - tower will be wrapped in a shroud for duration of project. Estimated completion date: March 31.

There is a planned water outage Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for buildings 58, 61 and 62 due to continuing work on water main replacement project.

There is a planned power outage for Monday from 8-10 a.m. for buildings 822,824, 826, 828, 830 and 832 due to electrical work in those duplexes.

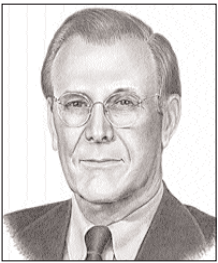
As of Thursday, there are no street closures.

Hangars 70 and 71 parking lot paving is completed, stripping is expected to be completed by mid-February.

Water line replacement continues along the south end of 5th Street West - estimated completion date: Feb. 28.

America at War

“No one wants war, but as the president has said, Iraq will be disarmed and the decision between war and peace will be made not in Washington, D.C., and not in the United Nations in New York, but rather in Baghdad. It is their decision. Either they will cooperate or they won’t, and it will not take months to determine whether or not they are cooperating.”



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld
Symposium of the Reserve Officers Association, Jan. 20, 2003

Randolph supports global mission

As of Monday, 45 Team Randolph members are deployed in support of military operations around the globe.

Americans Attacked in Kuwait, one Killed

WASHINGTON — One American contract employee of the U.S. Army was killed Tuesday and another wounded in a shooting attack in Kuwait.

The two were traveling on a major highway near the Army’s Camp Doha when their vehicle came under attack. Both individuals were shot several times. The survivor was taken to Al Sabah Hospital in Kuwait City and is in critical

condition, said coalition officials at Doha.

Names of the individuals are being withheld until their next of kin are notified. Kuwaiti and U.S. military authorities are investigating.

This is the third attack on Americans in Kuwait in recent months. On Nov. 21, 2002, a Kuwaiti police officer shot two U.S. service members wearing civilian clothes. Both survived, and the assailant was later captured in Saudi Arabia. (AFPS)

Troop buildup keeps pressure on Iraq

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey - “There is nobody in their right mind that wants to go to war,” Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers told U.S. and coalition forces here. “But if you want to change a regime, you have to put the pressure on so they do the right thing.”In this case, he said, that pressure has taken the form of deployed service members. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff stopped briefly at Incirlik Sunday, en route to meet with Turkish leadership in Ankara. Although here for just a few hours, Myers took time out to talk to troops about the volatile situation in the gulf. “The way to pressure a regime is to build up forces, and that’s what we’re doing,” the chairman said. “We’ve steadily built up the rest of the region, and we’ll do the same here (Turkey) if we get permission. We’ll continue to build up forces until the regime sees no choice. It’s our only hope of avoiding conflict.”(AFPN)

Saddam Not Cooperating

WASHINGTON, — People are looking for certainty in respect to Iraq, but the only certainty now is that Iraq is not cooperating with U.N. weapons inspectors, said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Secretary Rumsfeld spoke Sunday on the Fox News Sunday show. He told interviewer Tony Snow the U.S. intelligence community has information that Saddam Hussein has chemical and biological weapons and an active nuclear weapons program. He said that if the United States must go to war to disarm Iraq that the case against Hussein is one “the American people will be comfortable with.”

“What we have is a great deal of information about what they have bought and what they have,” Secretary Rumsfeld said. “A good deal of information about their systematic efforts to try to deceive and deny us the ability to know precisely where things are.”

This is the key to the whole matter, according to the secretary. The burden of proof is not on the United Nations to find these weapons. Iraq has been ordered by the U.N. Security Council to account for its weapons of mass destruction and prove it has none. The test should be (whether) Saddam Hussein cooperating with the United Nations, he said. (AFPS)

HOMELAND SECURITY
ADVISORY SYSTEM
ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS

CURRENT NATIONWIDE THREAT LEVEL

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Vigilance by all is the best defense at home

AFLSA to hold legal conference

By Richard Zowie
Wingspread staff writer

The Air Force Legal Services Agency is hosting a conference Monday through Jan. 31 at the enlisted club for trial and defense lawyers and paralegals within the Air Force’s Central Judicial Circuit.

This is the first time that AFLSA is bringing lawyers and paralegals together in their annual conference, said Lt. Col. Marshall Caggiano, Chief Defense Counsel for the Central Circuit. Approximately 125 lawyers and paralegals are expected to attend the conference.

Colonel Caggiano said each base’s area defense counsel sends lawyers to represent its base at the conference. The lawyers and paralegals attend this conference then return to their bases and share what they have learned with their colleagues. The conference also has attendees

from several central circuit base offices learning skills in prosecuting cases.

The conference is designed not only as a refresher of Air Force legal policies but also to inform attendees of any new changes implemented in the Air Force’s criminal justice system.

“In the sessions, we train our attorneys and paralegals on how to defend clients in the Air Force, how to understand policies and laws and how to better manage their offices in terms of administration and budgets,” Colonel Caggiano said.

Maj. Wayne Gordon, Circuit Defense Counsel, deputy chief described the conference as a chance for Air Force defense attorneys and paralegals to further develop litigation skills and learn how to help protect a client’s constitutional rights.

AFLSA has guest lecturers at the conference, usually people from the senior ranks of the Judge Advocate General’s

Department. This year’s special guest speaker, speaking Tuesday at an on-base luncheon, will be the Hon. Andrew Effron, a judge currently sitting on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

According to Lt. Col. Steven Thompson, a military judge in the central circuit, CAAF is the highest appellate court in the military and is second in authority only to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Colonel Caggiano added that the conference attendees will receive trial practice and receive instruction on practicing law in cases involving drugs, sexual abuse and computer crimes. They’ll also be discussing opening and closing arguments and giving instructions to the jury.

“We want them to learn their craft better by learning the substance of law better than they already do,” said Colonel Caggiano. “There’s always something new to learn about the law. We bring

everyone together in knowledge and camaraderie. The more our folks get to know each other, the better they’ll work together.”

Getting together and developing camaraderie is something different than what many Air Force attorneys currently experience, said the colonel. Because each base has access to only one area defense counsel, many of the attorneys must call colleagues at other bases to discuss the law or strategies in a court martial.

“By getting the attorneys together at the same conference, it gives them a chance to strengthen team building and facilitate communication,” Colonel Caggiano explained. “If one person has a good or bad experience, they’re able to share that lesson learned with someone else.”

For more information about this conference, call Capt. Kate Reder at 652-4974, extension 3016.

News Briefs

OJT trainee announced

Master Sgt. David Pieper, 12th Communications Squadron, was selected as the Base Level On-the-Job-Training Trainee for the month of December 2002. For more information, call 652-5206.

AF Academy Association of Graduates

The U.S. Air Force Academy Association of Graduates, the Alamo Area Chapter, will hold a business meeting and social for graduates, associates and parents today at 6:30 p.m. at the officers’ club.

There is no charge for members who have paid their 2003 dues. Members can pay their dues at the door. The price for guests and non-members is \$10.

For more information, or to RSVP, call retired Col. Les Hobgood at 599-3583, or visit www.alamoaoag.org.

Parking reminder

There have been several complaints regarding the parking

lot located east of Building 230, the corrosion control building across from 3rd Street West. Individuals who park illegally are obstructing the view of pedestrians crossing 3rd Street West between Building 230 and Building 237, the security forces administration building.

Be sure to park only in designated areas. A parking space is defined as the area designated by two vertical, horizontal or diagonal white lines for the temporary storage of a passenger-carrying motor vehicle. All violators will be cited.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Olga Maldonado, 12th Security Forces Squadron, at 652-5509.

Computer information theft

The Department of Defense has announced a computer theft of the personal information of TRICARE beneficiaries serviced by the TRICARE Central Region health contractor, TriWest Healthcare Alliance Corporation.

The computer files were stolen Dec. 14, 2002. On Dec. 23, DOD requested The Retired Officers Association and other

military service organizations to alert their members of this incident.

The news release is located at <http://tricare.osd.mil/news-releases/2002/news0236.htm>.

Hepatitis A shots at clinic

The immunization clinic is offering Hepatitis A immunization series to all Randolph enrollees ages 2-10. Children born on or after Sept. 2, 1992, are required to begin the two-shot series on or after their second birthday.

The first dose should be completed before Feb. 1 to meet the Aug. 1 deadline for completion of the two-dose series.

Immunization clinic hours are 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. with additional staffing Wednesdays and Fridays in January from 7-10 a.m. The clinic will also be open Saturday from 9-11 a.m.

For more information, go to www.tdh.state.tx.us/immunize/hepa_school.htm or call the immunization clinic at 652-3279.



Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, conducts a swearing-in ceremony for 30 Delayed Entry Program recruits at midfield in the Alamodome Aug. 19, 2002. (Photo by Staff Sgt. John Asselin)

New short-term enlistments coming

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A new military short-term enlistment program will begin Oct. 1 aimed at expanding the opportunities for all Americans to serve the country.

Congress authorized the National Call to Service enlistment option as part of the fiscal 2003 National Defense Authorization Act.

The program allows the military services a new option to reach a group of young Americans who otherwise might not serve because of the length of traditional enlistment options, said Bob Clark, assistant director in the Department of Defense's accession policy directorate.

The program will work like this: A recruit enlists for the option and incurs a 15-month active-duty service obligation following completion of initial-entry training, for a total active-duty commitment of about 19 months.

Following successful completion of active duty, servicemembers may re-enlist for further active duty or transfer to the selected reserve for a 24-month obligation.

Once this is completed, servicemembers may stay in the selected reserve or transfer to individual ready reserve for the remainder of an eight-year commitment.

"The unique piece of this legislation is that while in the individual ready reserve, these young people will be given the opportunity to move into one of the other national service programs, such as AmeriCorps or the Peace Corps, and time in those will count toward their eight-year obligation," Mr. Clark said.

While the Army and Navy already have a limited two-year enlistment program, this is the first time the Air Force and Marine Corps will offer the option.

Mr. Clark said that the option would be limited to high-quality recruits — those with a high school diploma and scores in the top half of aptitude tests. Officials hope this will make the military more attractive to college-bound youth who might volunteer to take a short period out between high school and college, but would not take off that three- or four-year period.

He said he feels the option may also attract college graduates interested in serving their country before attending graduate school. But perhaps the largest potential pool for the option is with community college graduates who might serve the country for a short time and use available incentives to enter a four-year school, Mr. Clark said.

There are four incentives under the option. The first is a \$5,000 bonus payable upon completion of active duty service.

The second is a loan-repayment option also paid at the end of the active-duty portion. The legislation allows for repayment of up to \$18,000 of qualifying student loans.

The final two incentives are tied to, but not part of, the Montgomery G.I. Bill. One gives 12 months of a full Montgomery G.I. Bill stipend — currently about \$900 a month.

"This should attract college graduates looking to go to grad school," Mr. Clark said.

The other incentive offers 36 monthly payments at one-

half of the current Montgomery G.I. Bill stipend.

"We look at this as being an incentive to both high school graduates or maybe college students who are financially strapped who may need to sit out for a period, serve the country, learn, see the world and then go to school," he said.

The services will set the enlistment criteria. Military specialties that involve long-term training will not be offered. Basic medical specialties, some engineer skills, and personnel, administration and combat specialties will be part of the mix. The first people who opt for this program will go into the delayed-entry program beginning Oct. 1.

Mr. Clark was adamant that servicemembers in this program would not be "second-class citizens." He said although they will serve shorter periods of time, they would be treated the same way as those with longer-term enlistments.

Traditional enlistment terms are three, four, five and six years, he said. The program will start with a small number of inductees, but there is no set number. As the program begins, DOD will work with national service organizations to ensure recruits under this program understand all their options.

Mr. Clark said the department is coming off its most successful recruiting year ever.

"The department does not need this program to fill the ranks," he said. "But we are excited about offering the chance to serve the country to young men and women who ordinarily might not."

12th TRANS hosts Warrior Day

By Richard Zowie
Wingspread staff writer

The 12th Transportation Squadron hosted its quarterly Warrior Day Jan. 17 at Eberle Park.

The training exercise was re-vamped to add a competitive edge to promote esprit de corps.

“Last time, we focused mostly on training, so it wasn’t competitive,” said Maj. Joel Peterson, 12th Transportation Squadron commander. “We wanted to make sure the folks who were hot for deployment in Air and Space Expeditionary Force-9 were prepared.”

The teams, constructed from AEF-9 personnel, competed against each other for the team championship.

Activities during Warrior Day included M-16 training, which meant handling, clearing the weapon, disassembling and reassembling it. There was also self-aid buddy care, donning nuclear, biological and chemical equipment and the identification, reporting and marking of unexploded ordinance.

The major said the NBC portion included practice putting on the mask and hood in the required time and knowing how to suit up to mission-oriented protective postures 3 and 4.

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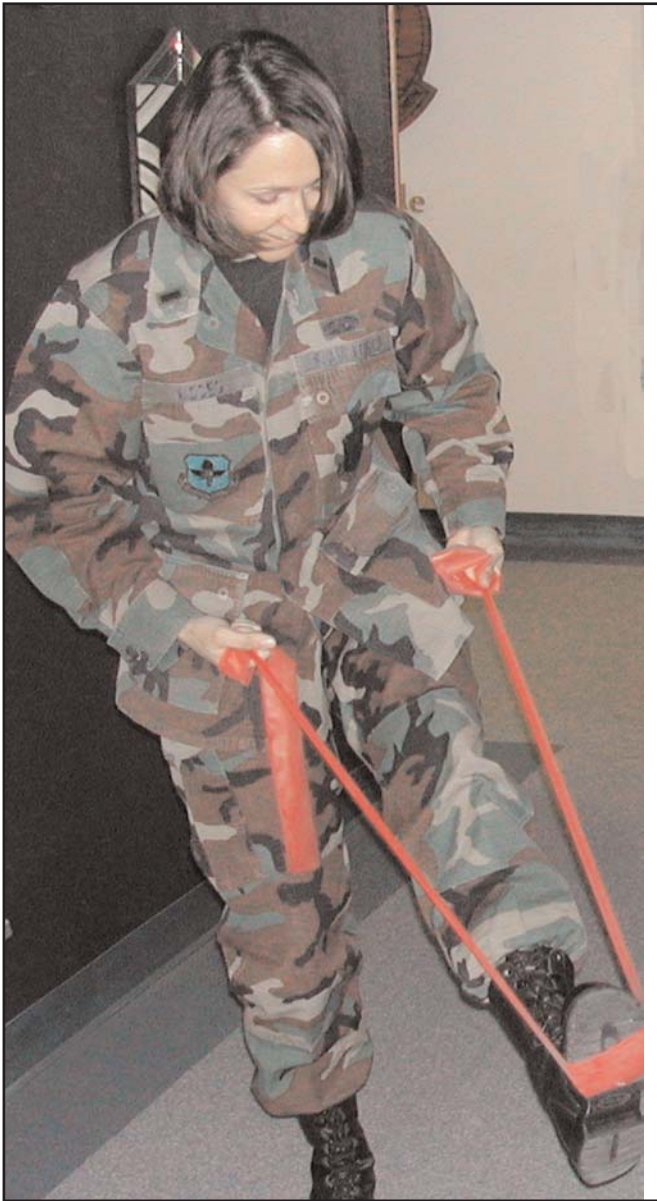
Maj. Joel Peterson
12th Transportation Squadron commander

While the event represented competition where the teams compete for supremacy, Major Peterson said his squadron does this training to prepare for more than just the wing exercises.

“Warrior Day allows us to extend the training we get during wing deployment exercises,” he explained. “We control what, how much and when so we can practice the skills we’ll need for deployment. It allows us to reinforce those skills, folks need in a deployed environment. We do this to stay in practice and stay proficient.”



Staff Sgt. Frank Gomez practices rifle reassembly while in MOPP-4 as Capt. Jeff Moore guides him. (Photo by Richard Zowie)



First Lt. Samantha Moses, 12th Mission Support Squadron personnel readiness chief, tests out a Thera-Band. The Thera-Band is part of a deployment stress kit from the HAWC. (Photos by Richard Zowie)

HAWC provides packet to deploying members

By Richard Zowie
Wingspread staff writer

Mental and physical fitness is something the health and wellness center wants to remind Team Randolph to practice, even during deployments.

To do this, the Randolph HAWC will make available deployment stress kits to every airman who deploys. Every Wednesday beginning Feb. 5, the stress kits will be issued to deploying personnel, said 2nd Lt. Daniel Rigsbee, 12th Mission Support Squadron chief of customer support.

“The deployment kits provide airmen a productive way to reduce stress and help maintain fitness,” said Lt. Col. Dawn Jackson, health and wellness center flight commander. “People can use the kits on an airplane, in a tent, wherever they are. The convenience is especially important to airmen who are deployed to a location without fitness facilities.”

The kit will contain five items: a Thera-Band, a twistable, a stress management tape, a sample of a healthy snack and general information about staying fit while deployed.

The Thera-Band is a long strand of rubber used for exercising. This can be used to stretch, do a bench press, military press, bicep curls, hamstring curls and many other exercises one would expect to find in a weight room.

“These bands are an excellent



Lt. Col. Dawn Jackson, HAWC flight commander, explains to 2nd Lt. Daniel Rigsbee, 12th MSS chief of customer support, and 1st Lt. Samantha Moses, 12th MSS personnel readiness chief, how to use a twistable. A twistable is also known as a “stress wand.”

source of moderate strength training,” said Colonel Jackson. “Thera-Bands are perfect for deployments because they are lightweight. They literally take up no space.

The commander added that deployed airmen can maintain or even improve their physical fitness with a combination of Thera-Bands and aerobic activity. Exercise is also one of the healthiest ways to reduce stress.

The twistable, also called a stress

wand, is similar in purpose to a stress ball. A twistable can be bent into virtually any imaginable shape or used as a wand.

The stress management tape provides relaxation in the form of a day away from stress. Pat Aguon, HAWC director, said it gives a person a chance to take a few minutes to break away from a stressful day and relax.

For more information, call the HAWC at 652-2300.

Fatal distractions ... driving deserves your full attention

Blood: Donations, drives encouraged to help Wartime, peacetime, the need still persists

By Richard Zowie
Wingspread staff writer

Lt. Gen. Joseph Wehrle, Air Force assistant vice chief of staff, recently called on servicemembers to donate blood and help replenish the military's shrinking blood supply.

One Team Randolph member who's been doing what she can to help meet the Air Force's blood needs is 2nd Lt. Christine Sheffield. The lieutenant, who started donating blood in college six years ago, continues to donate regularly whenever she can.

Lieutenant Sheffield also organized a blood drive last year to help provide a friend with the 30 daily units of blood she'd need during her illness. The drive helped raise 100 units of blood, a three-day supply for her friend.

"In my friend's case, receiving blood donations was a life or death issue," said the officer in charge of the 12th Logistics Group Readiness Flight's contingency operations. "There are a lot of military people who need blood, plain and simple. If you can, definitely give."

Donated blood has many uses: replacing blood hemorrhaged during surgery, plasma for shock and burn patients, platelets for leukemia and cancer patients and for hemophiliacs, whose blood is unable to clot properly.

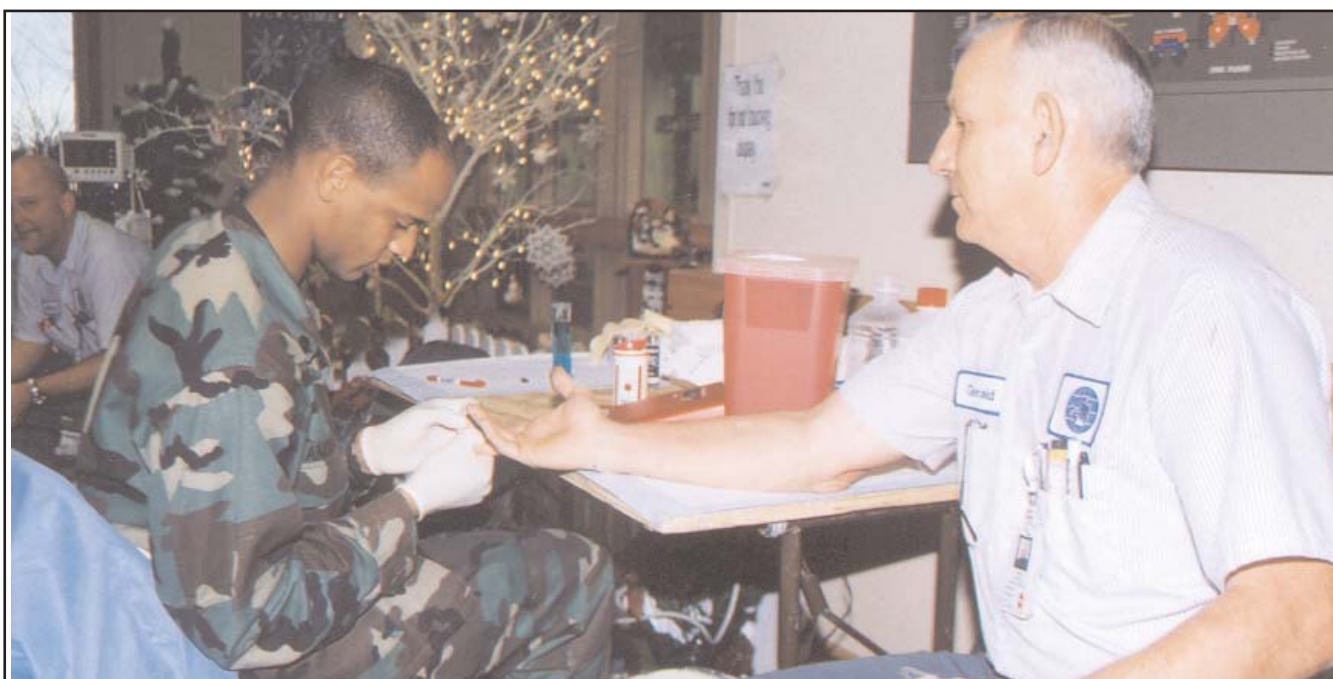
"Despite all the invaluable ways blood can be used, only about five percent of the eligible population donates blood," said Andrea Laws, a medical technologist at the Akeroyd Blood Donation Center at Fort Sam Houston.

Tech. Sgt. Nicole Fischer, a base blood program coordinator in the 12th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron, said apprehension is one reason why many don't donate blood.

"I think one of the reasons people don't donate is because they think it's going to hurt," said the sergeant. "It's virtually a painless process."

"Apathy is probably the biggest reason of why people don't donate regularly, along with the fear that they can contract a disease through a donation," added Ms. Laws. "Some are still convinced that they can get HIV from donating blood. Everything in the donation process is sterile and used only once."

The technologist emphasized that while traumatic local or national events tend to motivate people to donate blood, the need for blood always exists. According to the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center Web site, approximately 400 daily



Spc. Brian Anderson pricks Gerald Moss' finger to test his blood before he donates at Fort Sam Houston's Akeroyd Blood Donor Center. (Photo by Esther Garcia)

donations are required to meet the demands of patients in south Texas hospitals.

There are four main blood types and each carries either a positive or negative Rh factor: O, A, B and AB. According to Ms. Laws, of all blood types O-negative is usually the most sought after — it is the universal donor, meaning it can be given to patients with any blood type. Patients with AB-positive blood type, on the other hand, are universal recipients since they can receive blood of any type.

To donate blood, a donor must be in good health, at least 17 years old and must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. They must also be able to provide proper identification before donating. This includes the donor's name, date of birth, social security number or photo identification.

The prospective donor then undergoes a medical screening to determine whether or not they're suitable to donate. They also must have their blood pressure and blood iron levels checked.

Team Randolph members wishing to donate blood can do so by visiting the Akeroyd Blood Center at Fort Sam

Houston or going to Lackland Air Force Base.

There are also blood drives here periodically. Sergeant Fischer said Team Randolph members interested in having a blood drive in their unit need to contact Ernie Astorga at the Lackland Blood Donor Center at 292-8145 or the Akeroyd Center at 295-4517. The units provide the centers with a date and location to schedule the drive. The centers will set up the drive, sometimes having a blood mobile go out to the unit. They also provide things like T-shirts, cookies and drinks to those who donate.

According to Mr. Astorga, starting Feb. 7 the Lackland center will begin conducting monthly blood drives here. They'll also begin quarterly drives at Air Force Personnel Center beginning Feb. 21.

Although Lieutenant Sheffield's friend eventually passed away, there are many people whose lives depend on blood donations.

For more information on donating blood, contact Sergeant Fischer at 652-1846 or nicole.fischer@randolph.af.mil.

Proactive

Fuels flight makes sure the job is done right

By Richard Zowie
Wingspread staff writer

It's a job with unusual hours, ranging from early morning to late at night and sometimes requiring service on the weekends and holidays, but someone has to do it.

"Our job is to make sure those airplanes get off the ground," said Greg Bean, 12th Supply Squadron's Fuels Quality Assurance Personnel flight chief.

The two-man flight, which includes Tech. Sgt. Christopher Gibson, conducts approximately 744 surveillances annually on fuels contractors who are on base fueling aircraft.

Their job isn't to handle the fuel, but to observe the contractor, Mr. Bean said.

"If the fuel's not presented to the aircraft clean and water-free, meeting specifications at the time it's needed, then they're not able to fly the airplanes and train pilots," Mr. Bean added.

The work schedule may seem demanding but there's a reason behind it, the chief said.

The flight oversees the contracts that provide fuel for the aircraft and government vehicles



Tech. Sgt. Christopher Gibson conducts random fuel operations surveillance on Anthony Bishop, an off-base petroleum, oil and lubricants operator. (Photo by Richard Zowie)

on base. The contractors, in turn, are responsible for providing all petroleum products and liquid oxygen on Randolph. The petro-

leum is used for fuel while the pilots use the oxygen when flying at high altitudes.

Both men have attended vari-

ous fuel schools, such as fuels laboratory, fuels accounting and fuels automated system training.

"We both have a broad range

of fuels experience, which helps us to interpret the fuels contracts," Mr. Bean explained. "We do everything from writing the statement of work, doing the modification to the contract and conducting surveillance over base fueling operations."


When conducting the surveillance on a fuel contractor, the two men use a checklist to do one or more of three things: make sure the right amount and type of fuel is delivered to a particular aircraft, make sure the fuel is delivered and pumped in an expeditious manner and make sure fuel is handled in a safe manner.

Mr. Bean described the QAP's philosophy as proactive instead of reactive.

"We don't wait for customer complaints to tell them of a problem with fuel, whether the quality is bad or that it was delivered late," said Mr. Bean. "By then, it's too late."

Even with the challenges the job presents, Mr. Bean said his job brings him contentment.

"I leave this base knowing the aircraft have been serviced and nobody's gotten hurt," he said. "I feel good about what my flight is doing."



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Randolph Community Bulletin Board



Miscellaneous Community Notes

Air Force Aviation Camp

Applications for the Air Force Aviation Camp can be picked up at the youth center starting Feb. 1. The deadline for returning applications is Feb. 21.

For more information, call Christine Fussell at 652-2088.

BCAA Gospel Fest

In celebration of African American History Month, the Randolph Black Cultural Awareness Association is presenting a Gospel Fest, Feb. 1 from 4-6 p.m. at Chapel 2.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Michelle Kern at 565-4184.

Family University set

The Family University is scheduled for Saturday starting at 9:30 a.m.

At the Family University, ten classes will be offered for families to choose from. Games and activities are offered for the children. The classes offered are foundations of healthy relationships, raising drug free kids, shaping the child's behavior, stress and life skills, smart shopping and cancer awareness.

Each class will be presented twice and each will last one hour. Childcare will be offered for toddlers and infants.

The Family University is held at the elementary school, with a continental breakfast. Classes are held from 10 a.m. to noon. From noon to 1 p.m., lunch and door prizes will be offered.

Families must RSVP to the family support center at 652-5321.

Scholarships for Military Children

Applications for the annual Scholarships for Military Children program are available at the base commissary or at www.commissaries.com. The deadline for applications is Feb. 21, close of business.

For more information, visit the Web site or call 1-856-573-9400.

FEEA scholarships available

Applications are now available for the 2003-2004 Federal Employee Education and Assistance college scholarship program.

Scholarships range from \$300 to \$1,500 per student.

For applicant qualifications or for more information, visit www.feea.org.

Youth center accepting applications

The youth center is currently accepting applications for summer camp counselors. They must be 18 years or older and have a high school diploma.

Applications can be obtained at Building 598, the human resources office.

Wing medallion ceremony

The 12th Flying Training Wing Medallion Ceremony is Feb. 6 at 10 a.m. in the base theater. The dress is the uniform of the day.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Tim Ocnashek at 652-5509.

ADC office closed

The Area Defense Counsel will be closed Monday through Jan. 31 for the Central Circuit Trial and Defense Conference.

In case of emergencies, call 652-2274 and leave and message and phone number. E-mail rosene.goods@randolph.af.mil.

Red Cross looking for volunteers

The American Red Cross is looking for volunteers to assist with the local needs of the military community. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds can help. Volunteers are needed weekdays, evenings or weekends, to help take calls, complete emergency casework, assist with briefings or provide help to families' requests.

For more information, or to sign up, call 224-5151, ext. 248.



Building 693

Family Support Center

Telephone: 652-5321

Waiting families support group

Learn about video teleconferencing, hearts apart, car care and other programs at the waiting families support group Monday from 5:30-7 p.m.

For more information, call 652-5321.

Car buying seminar

If considering purchasing a new vehicle, visit the car buying seminar, Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m.

Call 652-5321 to sign up.

Interviewing skills workshop

Learn how to be prepared for an interview at the interviewing skills workshop Tuesday from 8-11 a.m.

For more information, call 652-5321.

Stars and Stripes Day

All Ranks Day has been renamed Stars and Stripes Day in the Airmen's Attic. Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the use of the Airmen's Attic will be restricted to all military members E-5 and above, retirees and civilian personnel. The Airmen's Attic will be available to military members E-4 and below every Thursday.

Driving safety course

Driving classes are offered Tuesday and Thursday from 6-9 p.m. Must attend both classes.

For more information or to sign up, call the South Texas Safety Council at 824-8180.

FSC closure

The family support center will be closed today from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for maintenance.

If there is an emergency, call the command post at 652-1859.



Building 208

Education Services

Telephone: 652-5964

St. Mary's University

Earn a teaching certificate and pursue a master's degree at the same time. A St. Mary's representative is visiting the education center Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to explain this program.

Call Jeff Thomas at 226-3360 to make an appointment.

ERAU

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is currently accepting applications for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics, Bachelor of Science in the Management of Technical Operations and Master of Aeronautical Science Degrees. The next term runs March 24 through May 25.

Call the ERAU office on base at 659-0801 for more information.

CCAF

All transcripts, test results and the nomination of the education office must be at the Community College of the Air Force by Feb. 21 if students are to make the May 6 graduation. If it is possible all requirements have been completed, and no notification has been sent on graduation status, email charlene.sparks@randolph.af.mil, or call 652-5964.

VEAP to MGIB conversion eligibles

Public Law 106-419, Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 authorized an "open window" for Veteran Educational Assistance Program participants to elect to transfer into the Montgomery G.I. Bill. Because law governs payment of the \$2,700 it is important that members who have elected to convert pay the required \$2,700 in no more than 18 months of signing the DD 2366.

For those who have elected to convert it is important they understand that if they don't pay the \$2,700 within the 18-month window they will forfeit all contributed money and have no education benefit.

For more information, call 652-5964.



Building 102

Chapel Services

Telephone: 652-6121

Protestant

Sunday - Worship 1 at 8:30 a.m. in Chapel 1; Liturgical at 10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Worship II at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1; Gospel at 1 p.m. in Chapel 1

Monday - Protestant Women of the Chapel Coffee at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Protestant Advisory Council Dinner at 5:45 p.m. in Chapel 1

Wednesday - PWOC Bible Study at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Women's Bible Study at 6 p.m. in the chapel center; Gospel Choir at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1

Thursday - Children's Choir at 5:15 p.m. in Chapel 1; Chancel Choir at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1

Friday - SweetHeart Banquet at 6:30 p.m. in the enlisted club

Catholic

Today - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1

Saturday - Catholic Women of the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Confession at 4:30 p.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 5:30 p.m. in Chapel 1

Sunday - Catholic Religious Education at 9:45 a.m. in the chapel center; Mass at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2; Children's Choir Practice at 12:30 p.m. in Chapel 2

Monday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1

Tuesday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1; Contemporary Teen and Adult Choir at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel 2; Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7 p.m. in the chapel center

Wednesday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1

Thursday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1; Cantor/Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel 2

Friday - First Friday Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1

Saturday - Adoration Community Theology Service at 9 a.m. in the chapel center

Ecumenical

Monday - Wedding Briefing at 3 p.m. in the chapel center; Officers Christian Fellowship Bible Study at 7 p.m. at Maj. John Apostolides' house

Wednesday - Film Luncheon at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Christian Youth of the Chapel Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. at 9 Military Plaza at Chaplain Everett Schrum's house



Building 100

Movies

Telephone: 652-3278

Admission at the base theater is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children unless otherwise noted.

Today

"Die Another Day" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Pierce Brosnan. James Bond has to unmask a traitor and prevent a war.

Saturday

"The Hot Chick" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Rob Schneider. A popular but rude girl turns into a man, and sees how she really treats people.

Sunday

"Eight Crazy Nights" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring the voice of Adam Sandler. A 33 year old party animal gets in trouble with the law, and for the holidays he has to do community service.

Jan. 31

"Solaris" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring George Clooney. In the ocean world of Solaris, a psychologist is noticing strange things as his wife comes back from dead.

Keeping the crosswalks safe

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Every six weeks during the school year, six students serve as school patrol officers, said Karen Bessette, Randolph Elementary School principal.

The school patrol has been a part of Randolph since the school first opened its doors in 1952.

“The school patrol officer’s job includes assisting the adult crossing guard with students crossing the street safely, and also to

remind students of bike and pedestrian safety,” said Ms. Bessette.

During the first five six-week periods of school, fifth graders complete an application if they are interested in becoming a school patrol officer. Then the final six weeks of school, fourth graders can apply. After teacher approval, the student’s names are submitted to the vice-principal, David Gibbs, and the safety patrol sponsor, Jackie Gibson, for their orientation.

“The orientation includes going over the rules with the children, meeting them

and letting them know what is expected of them,” said Ms. Gibson. “We let them know that they are expected to be responsible and always on good behavior.”

The students are trained to always wear their safety vests, always be alert, watch for traffic and be patient. The patrol officers are responsible for students, whether they are walking or riding bikes or scooters.

If they are riding a bike or scooter, the students must walk their equipment across the crosswalk. The patrol makes sure the

students are wearing helmets if riding.

The officers are responsible for letting the school know of any unsafe behavior from students and drivers, said Ms. Gibson.

“Serving as safety patrol officers allows students to learn responsibility,” said Ms. Bessette. “They serve as role models to our students and, of course, they help students travel to and from school safely. It is important to remember the patrol is out there.”

For more information on the school patrol, call 357-2345.

Eberle revamped

Park here has new look

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Open from sunrise to sundown, Eberle Park, located on East Perimeter Road, is an area for base personnel families and friends to have a picnic, and participate in outdoor activities.

Recently, Eberle Park has undergone some changes. The serving house, grill house and pavilions have been refurbished, three new playgrounds have been added, and disability accessible sidewalks have been installed. Just under \$1 million was spent on the park in 2002.

“The upgrades to Eberle Park over the last year have been a great enhancement to the quality of life on Randolph,” said Erik Markus, 12th Services Division.

The park has picnic tables, pavilions, children’s play equipment, a volleyball court, horseshoe pits, basketball goals and an enclosed grill house.

Pavilions can be rented for \$20, the grill house and serving house can be rented for \$10 each. The park, including all facilities, is available for \$35.

Reservations should be made through the equipment rental office. Active duty military assigned to Randolph are authorized to make reservations six months in advance. All other eligible personnel are allowed to make reservations 30 days in advance.

Equipment rental’s office hours are Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, from May to September, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call equipment rental at 652-3702.



Three new playgrounds have been added to Eberle Park. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

A whole new class

Chemical warfare changes implemented

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Recently there have been changes made to the way nuclear, biological and chemical warfare classes on base are taught.

"In the past, chemical warfare classes did not emphasize hands-on training," said Master Sgt. Willie Monroe, 12th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness flight chief. "After Desert Storm and Desert Shield, it became evident that military members needed more hands-on training to ensure they would survive to operate in a chemical warfare environment. This is why changes in training were implemented."

Now military members are given the opportunity for more hands-on training in their classes, said Sergeant Monroe. More emphasis is placed on having knowledge of their gear and wearing it properly. Training provided in NBC classes is enhanced through Enlisted Specialty Training conducted within the units and wing-level exercises.

Other changes include the addition of the Counter Chemical Warfare contingency operations. The CONOPS has changed the traditional way of thinking when it comes to how chemical agents are dispersed and consequently absorbed into the ground, asphalt and grass.

"This new way of thinking limits exposure of personnel in a chemical warfare environment, allows them to be more effective, and enhances the overall mission," said the sergeant.

Another change is the "split"



Chemical warfare instructors simulate checking an exposed surface for the presence of chemical agent contamination with M8 paper. (Photos by Jennifer Valentin)

Mission Oriented Protective Posture usage, which is performed when a base has a threat or is under a chemical attack.

"The old concept was one base, one MOPP," said Sergeant Monroe. "This changed around 1996, allowing base personnel on different parts of the base to be in different MOPP levels."

For example, instead of keeping the entire base in MOPP four, and having everyone wear all of their gear, the split MOPP concept separates the base into sectors allowing personnel who are at risk of being exposed to chemical agents to be in MOPP 4, while personnel in sectors of the base that are not at risk of chemical exposure can be in MOPP 2.

"The amount of gear worn depends on the MOPP level the base is in," said Sergeant Monroe. "The threat and types of attack the base is exposed to determine what MOPP level is required."

The types of attacks that may happen fall into three categories: missile, Special Operations Forces and aircraft. If the threat is missile, the type of missile and the distance the missile launcher is from the base will determine what level of protection personnel need to be in.

If the missile release is an airburst, then the chemical agent will cover a wider area and take up to an hour before it all is deposited on ground. This will cause the post attack survey to be divided into two phases, initial and general. In the

initial phase the nuclear, biological, and chemical, airfield damage assessment, and battle damage assessment teams respond while all others remain under cover. The rest of the base populace will conduct a post attack survey once the risk of contamination has been reduced and based on mission needs as determined by the installation commander.

If the missile impacts the ground and the chemical is released, chemical contamination will be concentrated to one particular area, said Sergeant Monroe.

If the threat is aircraft, base personnel have more time to respond and will be in a lower MOPP level and have more time to prepare the base for attack. If the threat is special operations forces, attacks will be treated as conventional and a separate alarm signal will be used.

In the past, military members in the Air and Space Expeditionary Force cycle has to attend nuclear, biological, and chemical warfare classes every twelve months, but this requirement has changed to every 15 months.

Eighteen classes are held per month, including two initial courses and 16 refresher courses, said Sergeant Monroe.

Due to the changes with the implementation of the new CONOPS, everyone attending NBC training must attend the initial course. The goal is to have all

required personnel attend the course by April 2004.

If someone has never attended a class or has not attended one within a period of three years they need to attend the initial class.

Military members PCSing to high threat areas also need to attend class 90 days prior to departure, said the sergeant. Members who attend the Basic Military Training Warrior Week get credit for NBC training and self-aid buddy care; the date documented on their BMT certificate will count as their training date.

"Unit NBC training monitors and unit deployment monitors should ensure they schedule their personnel for the appropriate class," said sergeant Monroe.

In the classes, the students also learn how to mark unexploded ordinance, contamination avoidance, and processing through a contamination control area.

For more information on the chemical warfare changes, call 652-2222.



Randolph personnel use the buddy system to fit the gas mask.

Randolph teachers make a connection

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Sabrina Condor and Terry Walpole have something in common besides both being teachers at Randolph Elementary School. Ms. Walpole was Ms. Condor’s first grade teacher there.

“Ms. Walpole was my teacher when I was in first grade,” said Ms. Condor. “I attended school on base from kindergarten to 12th grade.”

Ms. Condor teaches second grade and Ms. Walpole teaches first grade.

“I have been teaching for three years, two years here at Randolph,” said Ms. Condor. “I chose to go into teaching because I have always wanted to be a teacher, ever since I was little.”

Ms. Walpole has been teaching the first grade for 20 years, and worked at the base high school for seven years before that, she said.

“I wanted to be a role model for children, and I thought I could do that through teaching,” said Ms. Walpole. “I come from a family of teachers, and it just felt natural to me to teach.”

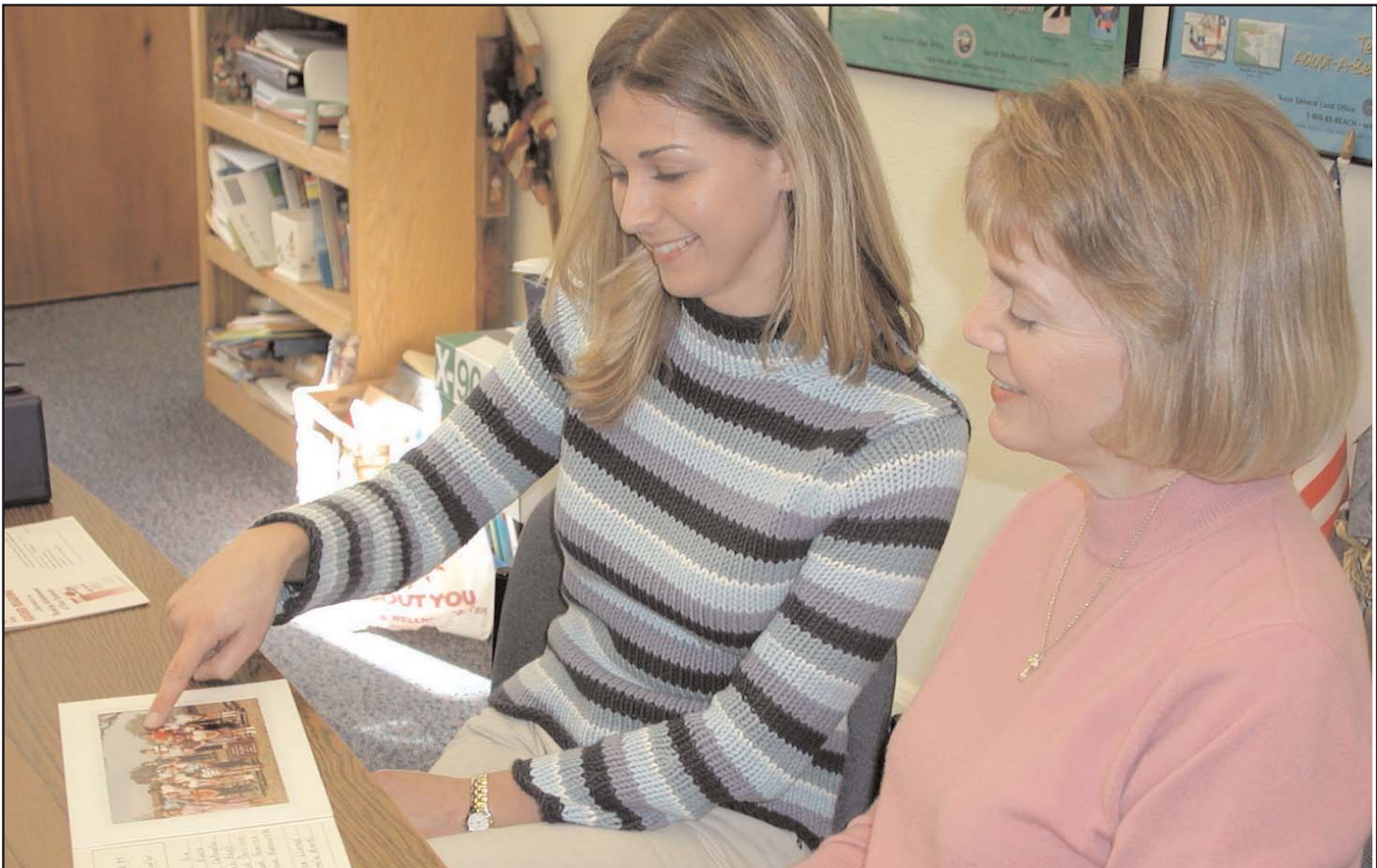
As a student, Ms. Condor said she loved attending school in this district.

“I feel like I am involved in a lot of the history of this school,” said Ms. Condor. “I was here when we voted on our mascot, I was here when our school song was written and I helped paint murals on the wall.”

Ms. Condor said Ms. Walpole is a mentor to her.

“I teach second grade, and she teaches first grade,” she said. “She has taught many of my students, making her a valuable resource for continual guidance.”

Ms. Condor said Ms. Walpole, as well as



Randolph Elementary School teachers Sabrina Condor (left) and Terry Walpole look at a photo from when Ms. Condor was in first grade and Ms. Walpole was her teacher. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

all of her former teachers are the reason she wanted to come back to Randolph and teach.

“I was influenced by every one of my teachers to come back to teach here,” she said. “I also enjoy the continued support this district provides to the teachers and students. I feel fortunate to have had the chance to attend school here and then

come back to teach here.”

Ms. Walpole said she knew many people here, since she had already been working at the high school.

“The whole district just felt like home to me,” said Ms. Walpole. “I knew Randolph was a wonderful school, so it never occurred to me to go anywhere else.”

Ms. Walpole, like many others at the ele-

mentary school, thinks of the staff and students as one big family.

“I think the staff and students here support each other as a family, and it has been and will continue to be a wonderful experience to teach here,” said Ms. Walpole. “I was excited to learn that a former student of mine has the opportunity to teach at such a great school as well.”

Base offers monthly activities

Tops in Blue rescheduled

The Tops in Blue performance originally scheduled for Feb. 6 has been rescheduled for March 27. Tops in Blue will be part of the Centennial of Flight Tattoo at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 652-2052.

Saturday

Texas Treasure Casino Tour

Join a casino cruise ship out of Port Aransas. The motor coach will depart Randolph at 7:30 a.m. and return approximately 8:30 p.m. Tour price is \$25. The next tour dates are Feb. 8, March 8 and April 5.

For more information, call Information, Tickets and Travel at 652-2301.

Sunday

Super Bowl party at enlisted club

Come join the enlisted club at 3 p.m. Reservations will be made for the top 30 Football Fandimonia timecard holders and their guests. All remaining seating will be on a first come, first served basis. Food and drink specials, complimentary hors d’oeuvres and door prizes will be given away.

For more information, call 652-3056.

Sunday

Super Bowl party at officers’ club

Come join the party at the officers’ club at 4:30 p.m. in the Auger Inn. Complimentary hors d’oeuvres and discounted drink prices.

For more information, call 652-4864.

Tuesday, Wednesday

Children’s story hour

Come join the library Tuesday and Wednesday at 10 a.m. for a story hour for preschoolers.

Children can complete craft projects and receive a snack.



@ your service

For more information, call 652-2617.

Youth coaches needed

Randolph youth sports has coaching applications available for adults interested in coaching during the 2003 baseball and softball season. Free training and background checks are provided for all volunteers.

For more information, call Barney Clay at 652-2088.

San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

Limited amount of tickets are now available at ITT for the rodeo Feb. 1-16.

For more information, call 652-2301.

Shop Laredo

Sign up now for the next Laredo tours coming up. The bus will depart Randolph at 7:45 a.m. and return at approximately 8:30 p.m. The tour price is \$25. Tour dates are March 29 and April 19.

Sea World of Texas

Sea World San Antonio presents more than 25 sensational shows, thrilling rides, animal attractions and educational experiences for all ages. A two-year season pass is now available for \$76.50.

Entertainment books

Entertainment books are now available. Save up to 50 percent on dining, travel, shopping, movies, local attractions, sports and more. Stop by the ITT office and purchase a book for only \$20.

Vacation planning available

Stop by ITT and check out the Armed Forces Vacation Club. Seven nights in a resort anywhere in the world for \$249. Available to all military and most DOD personnel. Armed Forces Vacation Club is a space available program that offers DOD affiliated personnel the opportunity to take affordable condominium vacations at resorts around the world for only \$249 per unit per week.

Feb. 15

Vanishing River Cruise

Winter and early spring are dominated by American Bald Eagles that migrate to the Texas Colorado River Canyon for the winter. A trip departs Feb. 15 at 8 a.m. and returns at 8 p.m. The trip includes roundtrip transportation by motor coach, lunch on a boat, photo moments, a driver and escort. Admission to boat ride with lunch, wine tasting at Falls Creek Winery and shopping in Burnet is \$49.50 per person.

The deadline for signing up is Feb. 1.

For more information, call ITT at 652-2301.

Kinder Gambling Trip

The Kinder Gambling Trip is March 18 and 19. The cost is \$25 per person.

Call ITT for more information at 652-2301.

Spider-Man live

Spider-Man appears live onstage Feb. 5-9 in a stunt spectacular, at the Majestic Theater.

Advanced tickets are now available at ITT at 652-2301

Mamma Mia

Mamma Mia runs March 4-16 at the Majestic Theater. Tickets are now available at ITT at 652-2301

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7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Carry out

Weekday meals:
5:45 a.m. - 0745 Breakfast
10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Weekends and Holidays:
8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Brunch
4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Dinner
No carry out

Separated at birth, reunited in service

By Airman Joe Lacdan
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE, Mo. — Michael McCutcheon never knew his older brother who was put up for adoption. The 28-year-old senior airman assigned to the 509th Maintenance Squadron here made efforts to find his older sibling, but each year his interest began to fade.

Then recently, as the airman sat with family members at his parents’ house in Odessa, Texas, the phone rang. His father answered. In tears, he handed the phone to Airman McCutcheon.

“Hey brother,” said the voice on the phone.

The voice was that of his brother, 1st Lt. Jonathan Webb, who was alive and well, living in Utah. To Airman McCutcheon’s surprise, his brother also serves in the Air Force and is a first lieutenant stationed at Hill Air Force Base.

“I got a chill up my spine, and I was all excited,” Airman McCutcheon said. “I had so many mixed emotions and so many questions because he’s my brother and he’s full blood.”

Growing up in the bustling west Texas town of Lubbock, Airman McCutcheon grew up with dreams of someday finding lost artifacts and civilizations. He set the example for his younger siblings as the oldest remaining son of James and Loretta McCutcheon. But as he approached his teenage years, questions about his older brother loomed.

“My parents spoke little about Jonathan, but never kept it a secret,” Airman McCutcheon said. “They didn’t know too much about him after he was gone.”

His need to find his lost older brother peaked when Airman McCutcheon turned 18. He tried checking the Internet, calling search organizations, and went to the hospital in Amarillo, Texas, where his brother was born.

Years passed, and Airman McCutcheon married in the summer of 1994. He enlist-

ed in the Air Force in October 1997 and received a job as an aircraft metals technologist. Reality began setting in that he may never find his brother.

“Every year it slowly started to get where I would think less about finding him,” Airman McCutcheon said. “I would always wonder what he’s doing and if he’s thinking about me. But then I figured, ‘I’m 28 years old now, and I’m sure he’s living a good life.’ Every year it just got further and further out of my mind.”

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Webb was raised in western Colorado and enjoyed computer games and radio-controlled race cars. He said he led a happy life and felt content with his adoptive family, which included two sisters. Lieutenant Webb’s adoptive parents did not hide the truth about his adoption at birth.

“I certainly never had any resentment (toward my birth parents), because I enjoyed a life filled with great opportunities,” he said.

The chance to become an Air Force officer was one of those opportunities.

Lieutenant Webb said his adoptive father served in the Army and strongly encouraged Jonathan to become an Air Force officer. Webb received his commission at the University of Oklahoma in 2000 and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in sociology and criminology.

While content with his life, the question of his biological relatives lingered. He began searching for his biological parents at 18, the legal age to begin a search.

Initially he said he searched out of curiosity, then in the summer of 1997 he married Oklahoma-native Sarah Barrington. The birth of the couple’s first child, Brittany, changed his outlook and desire to find his birth parents.

“I got a greater sense in the back of my mind for genetic heritage,” Jonathan said.

Lieutenant Webb’s initial attempts to locate his parents led to dead ends. Then he contacted the lawyer who arranged his adoption and discovered his mother’s

maiden name was Moore.

Lieutenant Webb tracked his parent’s marriage date with his mother’s name and with that information, he acquired his birth parent’s phone number through an Internet search engine.

He dialed the number and the voice of an older man answered. Lieutenant Webb asked the man if he had been married in December 1973.

The man said, “Yes,” and asked Lieutenant Webb if his birth date was Aug. 23,1973.

Lieutenant Webb said, “Yes.” “Looks like you finally found us,” said Lieutenant Webb’s biological father.

After a week of endless telephone calls to his newfound brother, Airman McCutcheon and his wife, Susan, and his grandparents waited at the Kansas City International Airport for the brother he never knew.

Airman McCutcheon’s wife said earlier that day her husband jumped around the family’s house “giddy as a school girl.” At 6 p.m., Michael would meet the brother he never knew.

Airman McCutcheon learned he had a niece and a sister-in-law. Webb not only found his biological parents, but learned he had three younger brothers, Michael, Bill (who passed away in a vehicle accident) and Shawn.

“It’s him!” Airman McCutcheon said as he turned to the gate.

Airman McCutcheon and Lieutenant Webb locked in a long embrace. Three decades of curiosity and doubt seemed to fade.

“Meeting Michael for the first time was amazing,” Lieutenant Webb said. “I had all this curiosity about the past 30 years. I think it’s interesting and a profound opportunity because we started at the same point in our lives (their birthplace, Amarillo). We can both go back and see what the other path would have been. How many people get to do that?”

The thrill of VICTORY

STANDINGS SCORES

Intramural Basketball Team Standings

As of January 9

MON-WED		
Team	W	L
12th SFS	7	0
12th MDG	6	2
AFOMS	4	4
12th CES #2	3	3
AFPC	3	4
562nd F FLT	2	4
12th CES #1	2	5
332nd FTS	1	6
TUE-THU		
Team	W	L
12th CS	7	0
12th TRANS	5	2
HQ AETC	4	2
12th OSS	4	3
562nd E FLT	1	6
558/559th FTS	0	7

Extramural Basketball Team Standings

As of January 9

Team	W	L
AFRS	3	1
AFPC #2	3	1
AFPC #1	3	1
HQ AETC	2	3
12th CPTS/AFSVA1	2	
AETC CSS	1	2
12th MSS	1	2
12th CES	1	3

Intramural Golf Team Standings

As of Thursday

Team	Points
AFPC	30.5
SC/CSS	21.0
AFMIA	19.5
AETC/LG	18.0
12th TRANS	17.5
563rd FTS	17.5
12th CS	14.5
340th FTG	5.0

Another win

562nd FTS “E” flight falls to AETC by 4



(Above) Chris Tucy (left), Air Education and Training Command, jumps high to challenge Charlie Owens, 562nd Flying Training Squadron “E” Flight, for a rebound. (Right) Chuck Laney, AETC, crosses the ball over and looks for open teammates while Jesse Enfield, 562nd FTS, holds his defensive stance. (Photos by Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley)

By Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley
12th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

The Air Education and Training Command added another win to its column by defeating the 562nd Flying Training Squadron “E” Flight 31-27 in an intramural matchup Tuesday night at the fitness center.

The 562nd FTS squad struggled early as AETC scored the first six points of the game. To stop the run, 562nd FTS called a timeout to discuss team strategies and in next play, Jesse Enfield connected on a baseline jump shot after catching a pass from Jelani Johnson.

In the 562nd’s next possession, Enfield drove to the lane and hit a layup over two AETC defenders. Unfortunately for 562nd FTS, that shot would be its last score for the next five minutes.

The AETC team took advantage of the 562nd FTS scoring drought. Chuck Laney, AETC, took his man off the dribble for a layup to make the score 8-4. Then, Laney hit Tony Marlowe with a pass in transition and watched as he hit a short jumpshot with a hand in his face. Chris Tucy, AETC, stole the ball and made a wide open layup to put his team on the board for two more points.

The 562nd FTS struggled to get anything going on offense with AETC’s Tony Ervin watching over the middle of the key blocking shots and grabbing almost every defensive rebound that went in his direction.

Tired of the AETC run, the 562nd FTS called a timeout. Back on the court, Johnson caught a pass from Allen Agnes and hit a layup while getting fouled. He missed the free throw, but Enfield stole the ball and made a layup to make the score 15-8 with one minute left in the first half.



Mike Rendos, 562nd FTS, helped when he took a shot, got fouled, and made one of two free throws.

Ervin, AETC, answered the score with a low post turn-around jumpshot. Neither team scored again in the half, leaving the score 17-9 with AETC on top.

The second half started slowly for both teams with turnovers and missed shots. Charlie Owens, 562nd FTS, gave his team a quick burst when he came off the bench and hit a quick four points.

Enfield, 562nd FTS, gave his team hopes for a comeback run. He stole the ball, made a layup, and a couple plays later hit a turn-around jumpshot to bring his team within four points.

For the next five minutes, every time AETC scored they were answered by a 562nd FTS basket until they found the score tied for the first time in the game with two minutes left.

With the game tied and the clock winding down, AETC took a timeout. Out of the timeout, Ervin caught the ball down low and made a layup with no one big enough to contest him. The 562nd team failed to score and AETC took advantage with another quick score and the 562nd couldn’t score again.

The game ended 31-27, with AETC adding another win to its total.

Ervin and Marlowe shared the top scoring honors for AETC with 10 points each. Other teammates on the board were Cunningham and Laney with six points each and Tucy with four points.

The top scorer on the 562nd FTS team was Enfield with 12 points. Other teammates to score were Rendos with five and Johnson, Owens and Jeff Ryan with four points each.



Up, up, up

Moton Hopkins, a Randolph High School sophomore, successfully squats 425 pounds Saturday during a powerlifting meet at Lytle High School, Texas. He went on to squat 450 on his third attempt, benched 225 and hoisted 500 on his dead lift for a combined 1,175 pounds, which placed him second in the 220-pound weight division. The meet was the first of the season for the Randolph powerlifting team. (Photo by Master Sgt. Michael Briggs).